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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Hiroyuki KUROKAWA, et al.

Serial No. 09/550,640

Group Art Unit: 2612

Confirmation No. 9242

Filed: April 14, 2000

Examiner: Kelly L. Jerabek

For: AUTOFOCUS APPARATUS

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir or Madam:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 31, 2003, and having a period for response set to expire on January 31, 2004. A Petition for a three-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to April 30, 2004.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.